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## The Vision Care Program

This program offers you discounted vision care services. Participating ophthalmologists and optometrists throughout the state have agreed to charge no more than \$60<sup>1</sup> for a routine, comprehensive eye examination. If you are fitted for contact lenses, you may have to pay additional charges because that can require additional services. Participating providers, which include opticians, have agreed to give a 20-percent<sup>1</sup> discount on all eyewear except disposable contact lenses.

The eye examination should include at least these tests and services:

- Complete eye and medical history review
- Visual acuity far and near, with and without glasses
- Tonometry
- Screening visual fields
- Refraction
- External motility, biomicroscopic and dilated
- Ophthalmoscopic examinations
- Initiation of diagnostic and treatment programs as necessary, including prescription of lenses, medication and other therapy, arranging for special diagnostics or treatment services, consultations, laboratory procedures or radiological services as may be indicated.

Treatment must be within the scope of the license of the provider. Consult your eye care provider for details on any of these services.

*<sup>1</sup>These amounts are effective January 1, 2005, but are subject to change annually. Contact your benefits office, provider or EIP for the current amount.*

## Who is Eligible?

If you are a full-time or part-time employee, retiree, survivor or COBRA participant, you may take advantage of this program. Your dependents also are eligible. You do not have to subscribe to the State Health Plan or a health maintenance organization. Tell your provider you are a participant in the Vision Care Program. If you don't, you may not receive the discount. You may be required to show him some type of state-related identification to prove your eligibility.

## How do I Find my Provider?

Providers are available statewide. To see the list of participating providers, go to [www.eip.sc.gov](http://www.eip.sc.gov), the Employee Insurance Program's Web page. Click on the "Choose Your Category" button and then select your category (active subscriber, retiree, etc.). Next, choose the "Online Directories" button and then select "Vision Care." You can search for providers by county or by state. **This list is updated regularly and is the most current one available.**

If your provider is not listed, you may wish to call his office and ask if he gives discounts through the state's Vision Care Program. Although the directory lists providers who participate in the program, the state does not recommend any specific eye care provider.

If you need a paper copy of the directory, you can request one from your benefits administrator or from EIP at P.O. Box 11661, Columbia, SC 29211, 803-734-0678 (Greater Columbia area) or 888-260-9430 (toll-free outside the Greater Columbia area).

**Do I File Claims?** The Vision Care Program is a discount program. You do not file claims and will not receive any reimbursement for routine eye examinations or eyewear, including contacts. If you have a MoneyPlu\$ Medical Spending Account, you can file a reimbursement claim with MoneyPlu\$ for your vision care expenses.

**What if I  
Need More  
Information?** If you have any questions about this program, please contact your benefits office or EIP.